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SUBJECT: TRAVELLING PRESS REPORTAGE, EVENING, FRIDAY, APRIL
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WIRES:

1. AP - SCHWEID: KISSINGER DECLARED TODAY THE US IS
READY TO RECOGNIZE SOVIET-BACKED ANGOLA IF IT EXPELS ALL
CUBAN TROOPS. HE ALSO OFFERED A \$200 MILLION ECONOMIC
SHOT IN THE ARM FOR BLACK AFRICA AND REFUTED SUGGESTIONS
THAT HIS PLEDGE TO PROMOTE BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA COULD LEAD
TO A MASSACRE.

... NEWSMEN TRAVELLING WITH KISSINGER WERE TOLD THAT WHAT
THE US WANTS IS "A SUBSTANTIAL INDICATION" THAT THE CUBAN
TROOPS AND THEIR MILITARY EQUIPMENT WOULD BE REMOVED FROM
ANGOLA IN LESS THAN A YEAR. MEANWHILE BACKING UP THE
ADMINISTRATION'S PROMISE OF ECONOMIC HELP FOR BLACK AFRICA,
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KISSINGER OFFERED: - \$200 MILLION CONTRIBUTION TO THE

INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; - A \$15 MILLION GIFT TO THE AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FUND TO PROMOTE INDUSTRY; - CONTINUED LOWERING OF TRADE BARRIERS, PARTICULARLY TARIFFS FOR TROPICAL PRODUCTS; - ASSISTANCE IN SETTING UP AN INTERNATIONAL ENERGY INSTITUTE TO HELP DEVELOPING NATIONS DEVISE EFFECTIVE PROGRAMS. HE SAID HE WOULD HAVE MORE TO OFFER NEXT WEEK IN NAIROBI AT THE UNCTAD.

2. UPI - ANDERSON: KISSINGER WARNED AFRICAN NATIONS TONIGHT THAT IF THEY AUTOMATICALLY OPPOSED US POLICIES THEY COULD NOT EXPECT STRONG AMERICAN PUBLIC SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CONTINENT. (ANDERSON QUOTES FROM STATE BANQUET SPEECH.)

3. UPI - ANDERSON: UPON KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER CECIL DENNIS TOLD HIM: "WE COMMEND YOU FOR THE FAR-REACHING STATEMENT YOU MADE IN LUSAKA WHEN YOU OUTLINED VERY EXTENSIVELY THE THRUST OF THE US POLICY IN SOUTHERN AND CENTRAL AFRICA." (ANDERSON THEN QUOTES FROM KISSINGER'S SPEECH ON FOREIGN TROOPS IN ANGOLA.)

4. UPI - ANDERSON: KISSINGER, VISIBLY AGITATED BY THE REAGAN STATEMENT(REAGAN: "I AM AFRAID WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A MASSACRE IN RHODESIA") TOLD REPORTERS ABOARD THE PLANE THAT THE ACCUSATION WAS "TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE." KISSINGER SAID "THERE IS A DANGER OF OUTSIDE INTERVENTION WHICH COULD INTENSIFY IT. I TRIED TO DEVELOP A PROGRAM THAT PUTS EMPHASIS ON NEGOTIATION AND PUTS A TIMETABLE ON IT AS THE ONLY HOPE FOR AVOIDING A MASSACRE."

5. REUTER - NELSON: (HIGHLIGHTS OF KISSINGER BANQUET SPEECH NOT REPORTED) KISSINGER ARRIVED IN LIBERIA FROM ZAIRE WHERE HE DISMISSED A POSSIBLE THREAT TO ZAIRE FROM THE CUBANS AND AN ESTIMATED 350 SOVIET TANKS IN ANGOLA.

THE US PLANS TO INCREASE MILITARY CREDITS TO ZAIRE FROM \$19 MILLION TO \$27 MILLION IN THE COMING YEAR.

US OFFICIALS DISCLOSED THAT A US MILITARY SURVEY TEAM
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WOULD VISIT ZAIRE IN MAY. HE SAID MOBUTU AND KISSINGER REVIEWED ZAIRIAN FEARS OF BEING VULNERABLE TO A BLOCKADE OF THE ZAIRE RIVER BY ANGOLA OR THE CONGO REPUBLIC.

THE SENIOR OFFICIAL SAID THE SECRETARY'S SPEECH INVITED A FORMAL RESPONSE (FROM ANGOLA) AND THAT THE US WANTED A RESPONSIBLE TIMETABLE FOR THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE CUBANS BEFORE IT MOVED TOWARD NORMALIZING RELATIONS.

NETWORKS

1. WTOP RADIO, JIM BOHANNAN AND BERNARD KALB:

BOHANNAN: SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAS ARRIVED IN MONROVIA, LIBERIA, FIFTH STOP OF HIS AFRICAN TOUR. MR. KISSINGER TOLD NEWSMEN IT IS TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE TO SUGGEST THAT HIS PLEDGE TO PROMOTE BLACK RULE IN RHODESIA COULD ENCOURAGE VIOLENCE IN THAT COUNTRY. RESPONDING TO CHARGES BY PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGER RONALD REAGAN, KISSINGER SAID HE IS TRYING TO PROVIDE A PLATFORM FOR NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN BLACK LIBERATIONIST AND RHODESIA'S WHITE MINORITY GOVERNMENT. KISSINGER SAID SUCH TALKS ARE THE ONLY WAY TO AVOID A MASSACRE WHICH, HE SAID, WOULD BE AN OUTRAGE.

KALB: PRESIDENT MOBUTU SAYS HE HAS RECEIVED CLARIFICATION FROM MOSCOW AND HAVANA THAT THEY DO NOT INTEND TO PURSUE ANY MORE ANGOLAS IN AFRICA, BUT THE ZAIRE PRESIDENT ADDED IT IS NOT UP TO ME TO SAY WHETHER THIS IS TRUE OR FALSE. HE MADE THOSE REMARKS AT A NEWS CONFERENCE JUST PRIOR TO KISSINGER'S DEPARTURE FOR LIBERIA. HE MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE WOULD APPRECIATE A STRENGTHENING OF THE ZAIRE DEFENSE ESTABLISHMENT BY INCREASED US AID. WITH A REFERENCE TO THE PAST, MOBUTU CHARGED THAT THE UNITED STATES DOES NOT DO ITS DUTY IN ANGOLA BUT MOBUTU PRAISED THE NEW US POLICY TOWARD AFRICA, SAYING THAT THE UNITED STATES IS ON THE SIDE OF FREEDOM IN AFRICA AND THE LIBERATION OF THE BLACK MAN.

2. CBS EVENING NEWS: CRONKITE, REFERRING TO REAGAN REMARK ON RHODESIA DURING TEXAS PRIMARY CAMPAIGN, QUOTED SECRETARY THAT REAGAN STATEMENT WAS "TOTALLY IRRESPONSIBLE." CRONKITE CONTINUED: "THE SECRETARY WAS IN MONROVIA, UNCLASSIFIED

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LIBERIA, THE FIFTH STOP ON A TWO-WEEK TOUR OF BLACK AFRICA. HE SAID HIS SUPPORT OF A PEACEFUL TRANSFER TO BLACK MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA WAS 'THE ONLY HOPE TO AVOID A MASSACRE.' KISSINGER ALSO SAID THE US WAS WILLING TO RECOGNIZE THE SOVIET-BACKED GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA IF THE 15,000 CUBAN TROOPS THERE ARE EXPELLED."

3. ABC EVENING NEWS: REASONER: IN LIBERIA, WEST AFRICA, TODAY SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER SAID THE UNITED STATES IS READY TO RECOGNIZE THE MARXIST GOVERNMENT OF ANGOLA IF IT EXPELS ALL CUBAN TROOPS. HE ALSO OFFERED AN AMERICAN CONTRIBUTION OF \$200 MILLION TO A FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN BLACK AFRICA. LIBERIA IS THE FIFTH AFRICAN COUNTRY ON KISSINGER'S TOUR. TED KOPPEL HAS BEEN TRAVELLING WITH HIM AND FILES THIS REPORT:

KOPPEL: FOR ALMOST A WEEK NOW, H. KISSINGER HAS BEEN

CHARMING HIS WAY THROUGH AFRICA. IF ON OCCASION THERE IS A CERTAIN ELEMENT OF CLUMSINESS ABOUT HIM, IT HAS A DIS-ARMING QUALITY WHICH MAKES HIM SEEM FAR MORE VULNERABLE THAN HE REALLY IS. PART OF THE PURPOSE OF THIS TRIP AFTER ALL IS TO DISPLAY H. KISSINGER'S HUMBLE SIDE, THAT PART OF HIM WHICH ADMITS CONTRITELY THAT AMERICA'S SECRETARY OF STATE HAS NOT BEEN PAYING THE NECESSARY ATTENTION TO THE CONTINENT OF AFRICA - THE IMPLICATION BEING THAT THIS OF COURSE WILL ALL CHANGE NOW. AND INDEED KISSINGER'S SPEECH IN ZAMBIA STRUCK EXACTLY THE NOTE THAT BLACK AFRICA HAS BEEN WAITING TO HEAR FROM WASHINGTON:

KISSINGER: THE SALISBURY REGIME MUST UNDERSTAND THAT IT CANNOT EXPECT UNITED STATES SUPPORT, EITHER IN DIPLOMACY OR IN MATERIAL HELP, AT ANY STAGE OF ITS CONFLICT WITH AFRICAN STATES OR AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. ON THE CONTRARY, IT WILL FACE OUR UNRELENTING OPPOSITION UNTIL A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT LEADING TO MAJORITY RULE IS ACHIEVED.

KOPPEL: THE SYMBOLIC PICTURE WAS COMPLETED THAT AFTERNOON AT VICTORIA FALLS, KISSINGER STEPPING MOMENTARILY ACROSS THE INVISIBLE BORDER THAT SEPARATES ZAMBIA FROM RHODESIA.
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KISSINGER'S STRONGEST SUIT HAS ALWAYS BEEN CRISIS MANAGEMENT. UNTIL THE RUSSIANS AND THE CUBANS BEGAN THEIR MASSIVE MUSCLE-FLEXING CAMPAIGN IN ANGOLA, AFRICA HAD BEEN A SECONDARY ISSUE ON KISSINGER'S AGENDA. EVEN NOW HE INSISTS REPEATEDLY THAT AFRICA SHOULD NOT BECOME THE ARENA FOR GREAT POWER COMPETITION. BUT IT IS THAT ALREADY, AND BY HIS PRESENCE HERE FOR TWO WEEKS, AND BY HIS ENUNCIATION OF A NEW BLACK-ORIENTED POLICY, KISSINGER HAD MANUEVERED THE UNITED STATES INTO A POSITION FROM WHICH IT COULD, IN THE MONTHS AHEAD, BECOME THE MOST ACCEPTABLE AND INFLUENTIAL MEDIATOR BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE AFRICA.
TED KOPPEL FROM KINSHASA, ZAIRE.

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